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REMARKS

Claims 1-10 are in the present patent application. Claims 1, 2, 4, and 6-9 are currently amended and claims 3, 5, and 10 are unchanged from the originally filed claims, as indicated in the listing of claims submitted herewith.

No new subject matter has been added to the patent application as a result of the amendments submitted herewith.

Claims 1 and 6-8 were objected to on the basis that these particular claims contained "confusing language" therein. The objected to claims 1 and 6-8 have been amended by clarifying amendment to clearly and concisely state that which Applicants regard as their patentable invention.

The amendments to claims 2, 4, and 9 are also clarifying amendments to correct matters of form therein.

Claims 1-8 were rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Kuba et al. (hereinafter, Kuba). This rejection is traversed.

Applicants first note that Kuba explicitly discloses a method and system for storing digital image data in a hierarchical form as a file in a directory or subdirectory supported by a disk operating system. (See Kuba Abstract) Kuba discloses a hierarchical arrangement/configuration of file directories and subdirectories in a memory apparatus and/or medium. That is, Kuba discloses the memory locations for hierarchically storing digital image data. The fact that Kuba discloses memory locations for hierarchically storing digital image data is made clear by the overall disclosure thereof, including the specific portions of Kuba cited and relied upon by the Office Action. It is clear that the disclosure of col. 2, ln. 5-23 and Figs. 6 and 13-14 (cited and relied upon by the Office Action) explicitly disclose a hierarchical arrangement of memory locations for files in

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directories and subdirectories (Fig. 6) and methods of routines for producing a directory (Figs. 13-14).

Thus, it is clear that the locations for files disclosed in Kuba and cited and relied upon by the Office action refer to location in a memory apparatus or medium.

Contrary to the cited and relied upon Kuba, Applicants' claimed method of augmenting a set of image recordings states, in relevant part,

> taken-image-recording location data indicative of the geographic locations where the image recordings were taken, also recording desired-image-recording location data indicative of at least one geographic location for which a user of the camera desires an, or a further, image recording (emphasis added) (See claim 1)

Clearly, Applicants' claim 1 states geographic locations referring to a geographic location or place where the image recordings were taken.

Applicants' claimed taken-image-recording location data and desire-image-recording location data indicative of the geographic locations for a taken image and a desired or further image, respectively, do not refer to memory locations as disclosed by Kuba. Again, Applicants' claimed location data, both taken-image-recording location data and desire-image-recording location data, refer to geographic locations where the photos were taken (i.e., shot), not where the image data is stored in memory.

As stated above, claim 1 is amended herewith by clarifying amendment. Applicants submit that while the term locations is amended to read "geographic locations" to clarify the meaning of taken-image-recording location data and desire-image-recording location data, the clarifying amendment does not change the meaning of taken-image-recording location data and desire-image-recording location data as previously claimed. The Office is reminded that the claims are to

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be read in light of the specification. Accordingly, it is clear that Applicants' claimed taken-image-recording location data and desire-image-recording location data are indicative of geographic locations. It is respectfully submitted that this aspect of the claims was clearly claimed in the claims as originally filed.

Accordingly, the Office Action has erroneously alleged that the memory location for file directories and subdirectories disclosed in Kuba are the same as Applicants' claimed taken-image-recording location data and desire-image-recording location data indicative of geographic locations. Kuba does not disclose (or suggest) the claimed taken-image-recording location data and desire-image-recording location data indicative of the geographic locations for a taken image and a desired or further image.

Thus, the rejection of claim 1 under 35 USC 102(e) is not supported by the disclosure of Kuba.

Therefore, Applicants respectfully request the reconsideration and withdrawal of the 35 102(e) rejection of claim 1. Claims 2-7 depend from claim 1. It is respectfully submitted that claims 2-8 are patentable over Kuba for at least the reasons stated above regarding claim 1. Accordingly, the reconsideration and withdrawal of the 35 USC 102(e) rejection of claims 1-8 is requested.

Claims 9 and 10 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kuba as applied to claims 1 and 8, and in further view of Bacus et al. (hereinafter, Bacus). This rejection is traversed.

As clearly discussed above, Kuba fails to disclose or suggest that for which it is cited and relied upon by the Office Action. Therefore, combining Kuba and Bacus does not (cannot) result in rendering Applicants' claims 9 and 10 obvious.
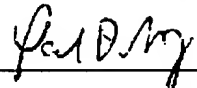
Therefore, Applicants respectfully request the reconsideration and withdrawal of the 35 103(a) rejection of claims 9 and 10.

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Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that all of claims 1-10 are in a condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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